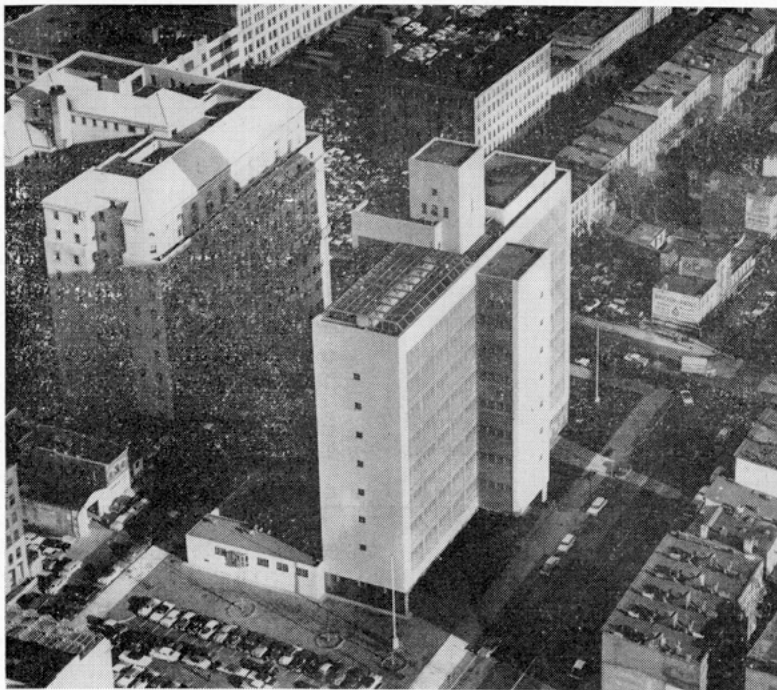


BROOKLYN HOUSE OF DETENTION FOR MEN



Airview picture of the new Brooklyn House of Detention for Men, 275 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn 1, N. Y. Dedicated on December 4, 1956, it received its first adolescent prisoners on January 21, 1957.

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Interim Remand Shelter for Adolescents (16-21 yrs.)

The Youth Guidance and Counselling Division in detention located at the new institution is now a professionally recognized arm of the Department of Correction's Diagnostic Center and rehabilitation program. With the forthcoming "certification" by the Mental Health Board we will have passed a most important mile-stone toward the achievement of a sound and scientifically professional service. Furthermore, the institution has been approved as a professional training center for college and graduate schools in the field of sociology, criminology, education and pastoral counselling by Brooklyn College, City College of New York and Union Theological Seminary; we are training students from these institutions.

Only a short two years ago, July 1955, this unit consisted of but one part time employee engaged as a Rehabilitation Counselor and inadequately serving ninety adolescents (16-21 yrs.) in the Tombs, (Man. House of Detention for Men). By January, 1957 we had increased our staff considerably and upon opening

the new Brooklyn House of Detention for Men, the department transferred to it the city's 480 adolescents (16-21 yrs.) held in detention from every borough, to be served by the Youth Guidance Division under a centralized staff and program. This consolidation of all of New York City's detention adolescent inmate population in the new Brooklyn institution (with its superior facilities for programming) enabled the Department of Correction to implement a revolutionary approach for the adolescent in detention which has gained the attention and approval of professionals in the fields of sociology, penology, psychiatry and the courts, from all over this country and foreign nations as well.

At the time of the city-wide transfer of the adolescents (16-21) during January, 1957, we stated that "The pioneering program in counselling and rehabilitation which was started on July 28, 1955 as an experimental pilot project at the Manhattan House of Detention for the adolescents being held for court dis-